



Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: March 26, 2012

To: Honorable Betsy Hodges, Chair Ways & Means Committee

Subject: **Costs of Graffiti on City Infrastructure**

Recommendation:

Receive and File Report

Previous Directives:

December 14, 2011 - The Public Works Department is directed to determine a strategy for shifting the cost of cleaning graffiti off city infrastructure out of the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund and into the operating budgets responsible for maintaining the infrastructure where the graffiti lands. A presentation on the department's graffiti clean-up strategy is to be made to the Ways & Means/Budget Committee prior to or during their regularly scheduled meetings in March.

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Approved by:

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Presenters: Brette Hjelle, Director, Administration Division

Reviews

Permanent Review Committee (PRC):	Approval	NA	Date
Civil Rights Affirmative Action Plan	Approval	NA	Date
Policy Review Group (PRG):	Approval	NA	Date

Financial Impact

No financial impact

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Not Applicable

City Goals: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

The City Council directed the Public Works Department to determine a strategy for funding graffiti removal from city infrastructure from the associated fund during the 2012 budget

process. This direction is consistent with the Public Works Business Plan, which includes an objective to ensure graffiti enforcement, abatement, and education efforts are funded from sources other than Solid Waste Fees.

Currently, graffiti removal is funded from the solid waste enterprise fund. Some removal costs are reimbursed by property owners but a majority of the removal costs, including removal for city owned infrastructure, is funded by solid waste rate payers.

The department is reviewing the implications of moving graffiti charges to the “owner” of the infrastructure in Public Works. The details of these charges and the corresponding impacts on service will be presented to the City Council during the 2013 budget cycle.